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THE CREATION.

P A R T I.

Introduction. *(Chaos.
(Lains.)*

Recit. accompanied.

RAPHAEL.

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth;
and the earth was without form and void; and darkness
was upon the face of the deep.

Chorus.

And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the
waters; and God said: let there be light, and there was
light.

Recit. accompanied.

URIEL.

And God saw the light, that it was good; and God di-
vided the light from the darkness:

Air.

Now vanish before the holy beams
The gloomy, dismal shades of dark;
The first of days appears.

Disorder yields to order fair the place;
Affrighted fled hell's spirits black in throngs;
Down they sink in the deep of abyss
To endless night.

Chorus.

Despairing, cursing rage
Attends their rapid fall.
A new created world
Springs up at God's command.

RAPHAEL, GABRIEL, ANGELS.

Recitative.

And God made the firmament, and divided the waters,
which were under the firmament, from the waters, which
were above the firmament, and it was so.

Accompanied.

Outrageous storms now dreadful arose ;
As chaff by the winds, are impelled the clouds.
By heaven's fire the sky is enflamed,
And awfull rolled the thunders on high.
Now from the floods in streams ascend
Reviving showers of rain,
The dreary, wasteful hail,
The light and flaky snow.

Chorus.

Gabriel. The marv'lous work beholds amaz'd
The glorious hierarchy of heav'n,
And to th' ethereal vaults resound
The praise of God
And of the second day.

Angels. And to th' ethereal vaults resound
The praise of God
And of the Second day.

Recitative.

RAPHAEL.

And God said : let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear, and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering of the waters called he seas ; and God saw, that it was good.

Air.

Rolling in foaming billows,
Uplifted roars the boist'rous sea.
Mountains and rocks now emerge
Their tops into the clouds ascend.

Thro' th' open plains, outstretching wide
In serpent error ~~flows~~ flow ;
In silent vales soft gliding brooks
By gentle noise mark out their way.

Recitative.

GABRIEL.

And God said : let the earth bring forth grass, the herb
yielding feed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his
kind, whose seed is in itself upon the earth ; and it was so.

Air.

With verdure clad the fields appear
Delightful to the ravish'd sense ;
Enhanced in the charming sight
By flowers sweet and gay.
Here went their fumes the fragrant herbs ;
Here shoots the healing plant.

By load of fruits th'expanded boughs are press'd ;
To shady vaults are bent the tufty groves ;
With closed wood is crown'd the mountain's brow ;

Recitative.

URIEL.

And the heavenly host proclaimed the third day, prai-
sing God and saying :

Chorus.

Awake the harp, the lyre awake !
In shout and joy your voices raise ;
In triumph sing the mighty Lord,
For he the heavens and earth has cloath'd
In stately dress,

Recitative.

URIEL.

And God said ; let there be lights in the firmament of Heaven to divide the day from the night, and to give light upon the earth, and let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days & for years. He made the stars also.

Accompanied.

In splendor bright is rising now,
The sun and darts his rays ;
An am'rous, joyful, happy spouse,
A giant proud and glad
To run his measur'd course.

IN TEMPO.

With softer beams and milder light steps on
The silver moon thro' silent night.

AD LIBITUM.

The space immense of th' azur sky
Innum'rous host of radiant orbs adorns.
And the sons of God announced the fourth day
In song divine, proclaiming thus his power :

Chorus.

The heavens are telling the glory of God ;
The wonder of his works
Displays the firmament.

GABRIEL, URIEL, RAPHAEL.

To day, that is coming, speaks it the day ;
The night, that is gone, to following night.

All. The heavens are telling the glory of God ;
The wonder of his works
Displays the firmament.

GABRIEL, URIEL, RAPHAEL.

In all the lands resounds the word,
Never unperceived,
Ever understood.

All. The heavens are telling the glory of God ;
The wonder of his works
Displays the firmament.

End of the First Part.

P A R T II.

Recit. accompanied.

GABRIEL.

AND God said : let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature ; that hath life, and fowl, that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

Song.

On mighty pens uplifted soars
The eagle aloft, and cleaves the sky
In swiftest flight to the blazing sun.

His welcome bids to morn the merry lark,
And cooing calls the tender dove his mate.

From ev'ry bush and grove resound
The nightingale's delightful notes ;
No grief affected yet her breast,
Nor to a mournful tale were turn'd
Her soft enchanting lays.

Recitative.

RAPHAEL.

And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, and God blessed them, saying :

IN TEMPO.

Be fruitful all, and multiply !
 Ye winged tribes be multiplied ;
 And sing on ev'ry tree !
 Be multiplied ye finny tribes,
 And fill each wat'ry deep !
 Be fruitful, grow, and multiply,
 And in your God and Lord rejoice !

AD LIBITUM.

And the angels struck their immortal harps, and the
 wonders of the fifth day sung ;

Trio.

Gabriel. Most beautiful appear
 With verdure young adorn'd,
 The gently sloping hills.
 Their narrow, sinuous veins
 Distil in chrystal drops
 The fountain fresh and bright.

Uriel. In lofty circles plays
 And hovers thro' the sky
 The chearful host of birds ;
 And in the flying whirl
 The glitt'ring plumes are dy'd,
 As rainbows, by the sun.

Raphael. See flashing thro' the wet
 In thronged swarms the fry
 On thousand ways around,
 Upheaved from the deep,
 Th' immense Leviathan
 Sports on the foaming wave.

All three. How many are thy works, O God !
 Who may their number tell !
 The Lord is great ; his glory lasts
 For ever and evermore.

Chorus.

The Lord is great ; his glory lasts
For ever and evermore.

Recitative.

Raphael. And God said · let the earth bring forth
the living creature after his kind ; cattle and ~~creeping~~
thing, and beasts of the earth after their kind.

Accompanied.

Strait opening her fertile womb,
The earth obey'd the word, and teem'd
Creatures numberless,
In perfect forms and fully grown.
Chearful roaring stands the tawny lion ;
In sudden leaps the flexible tiger appears ;
The nimble stag bears up his branching head.
With flying mane, and fiery look
Impatient neighs the sprightly steed.
The cattle in herds already seeks
His food on fields and meadows green,
And o'er the ground, as plants, are spread
The fleecy, meek and bleating flocks,
Unnumber'd as the sands.
In whirls arose the host of insects.
In long dimensions creeps
With sinuous trace the worm.

Air.

Now heav'n in all her glory shone ;
Earth smiles in her rich attire.
The room of air with fowl is fill'd,
The water swell'd by shoals of fish ;
By heavy beasts the ground is trod.
But all the work was not complete ;
There wanted yet that wond'rous being,
That grateful should God's pow'r admire,
With heart and voice his goodness praise.

Recitative.

Uriel. And God created man in his own image. In the image of God created he him. Male and female created he him. He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

Song.

Lo native worth and honour clad,
With beauty, courage, strength adorn'd
To heav'n erect and tall he stands

A man,

The Lord of earth and nature's king.

The large and arched front sublime
Of wisdom deep declares the seat,
And in his eyes with brightness shone

The soul,

The breath and image of his God.

With fondness leans upon his breast

The partner for him form'd,

A woman fair and graceful spouse,

Her softly smiling virgin looks,

Of flow'ry spring the mirror,

Bespeak him love, and joy, and bliss.

Recitative.

Raphael. And God saw every thing, that he had made, and behold it was very good, and the heavenly choir in song divine thus closed the sixth day.

Chorus.

Atchieved is the glorious work;

The Lord beholds it and is pleas'd.

In lofty strains let us rejoice;

Our song let be the praise of God!

GABRIEL AND URIEL.

On thee each living soul awaits ;
From thee, O Lord, they beg their meat.
Thou openest thy hand,
And fated all they are.

Raphael. But as to them thy face is hid,
With sudden terror they are struck.
Thou tak'st their breath away ;
They vanish into dust.

GABRIEL, URIEL, RAPHAEL.

Thou lett'st thy breath go forth again,
And life with vigour fresh returns.
Revived earth unfolds
New force and new delights.

All. Atchieved is the glorious work.
Our song let be the praise of God!
Glory to his name for ever!
On high exalted reigns the Lord. Hallelujah.

End of the Second Part.

PART III.

Recit. accompanied.

UBRIEL.

IN rosy mantle appears,
By tunes sweet awak'd,
The morning young and fair.

From the celestial vaults
Pure harmony descends
On ravished earth.

Behold the blissful pair,
Where hand in hand they go!
Their flaming looks express,
What feels the grateful heart.

O louder praise of God
Their lips shall utter soon.
Then let our voices ring,
United with their song!

HYMN.

ADAM AND EVE.

By thee with bliss, O bounteous Lord,
The heav'n and earth are fill'd.
This world, so wond'rous and so great,
Thy mighty hand has fram'd.

Chorus.

For ever blessed be his pow'r!
His name be ever magnified!

Adam. Of stars the fairest, O how sweet
Thy smile at dawning morn!
How brighten'ft thou, O sun, the day,
Thou eye and soul of all!

Chorus. In your extended course proclaim
The glorious power of the Lord!

Eve. And thou, that rules the silent night,
And all ye, starry host,
Spread wide, and ev'ry where his praise
In choral songs about.

Adam. Ye strong and cumbrous elements,
Who ceaseless changes make,
Ye dusky mists, and dewy steams,
Who rise and fall thro' th' air.

ADAM AND EVE.

Resound the praise of God, our Lord!

Chorus. Resound the praise of God, our Lord!
His name is great, and great his might.

Eve. Ye purling fountains tune his praise,
And wave your tops, ye pines!
Ye plants exhale, ye flowers breathe
At him your balmy scent!

Adam. Ye, that on mountains stately tread,
And ye, that lowly creep,
Ye birds, that sing at heav'n's gate,
Ye, that thro' waters glide

ADAM AND EVE.

Ye living souls extol the Lord!

Chorus. Ye living souls extol the Lord!
Your voices join; his pow'r proclaim.

ADAM AND EVE.

Ye vallies, hills, and shady woods!
Our raptur'd notes ye heard;
From morn to ev'n you shall repeat
Our grateful hymns of praise.

Chorus. Hail bounteous Lord! Almighty hail!
Thy word call'd forth this wond'rous frame.
Thy pow'r adore the earth and Heav'n;
We praise thee now and evermore.

Recitative.

Adam Our duty we performed now
In off'ring up to God our thanks.
Now follow me, dear partner of my life!
Thy guide I'll be, and ev'ry step
Pours new delights into our breast,
Shews wonders ev'ry where.
Then may'st thou feel and know
The high degree of bliss,
The Lord allotted us,
And with devoted heart
His bounty celebrate.
Come, follow me! Thy guide I'll be.

Eve. O thou, for whom I am!
My help, my shield, my all!
Thy will is law to me.
So God, our Lord ordains,
And from obedience grows
My pride and Happiness.

Duet.

Adam. Graceful confort! At thy side
Softly fly the golden hours.
Ev'ry moment brings new rapture
Ev'ry care is put to rest

Eve. Spouse adored! At thy side
Purest joys o'erflow the heart.
Life and all I am is thine;
My reward the love shall be.

Adam. The dewdropping morn
O how she quickens all!

Eve. The coolness of ev'n
O how she all restores!

Adam. How grateful is
Of fruits the savour sweet!

Eve. How pleasing is
Of fragrant bloom the smell!

Both. But without thee, what is it to me

Adam. The morning dew,

Eve. The breath of ev'n,

Adam. The sav'ry fruit,

Eve. The fragrant bloom!

Both. With thee is ev'ry hour enhanced;
With thee delight is ever new.
With thee is life incessant bliss
To thee be vow'd it whole.

Recitative.

Uriel. O happy pair, and always happy yet,
If not, by false conceit misled,
Ye strive at more, as granted is,
And more to know, as know ye should.

Chorus.

Sing the Lord ye voices all !
Utter thanks ye all his works !
Celebrate his pow'r and glory !
Let on high resound his name !
The Lord is great ; his praise shall last for ever.
Amen.

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